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Scheme for housing industrial workers.

* 152 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for housing the industrial workers in the State and if so, at what stage it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A scheme for the construction of single storeyed one-roomed tenements in Sembiam and Erukancheri, both places within Madras City limits, for housing industrial workers is under consideration of the Government. The lay-outs and the designs relating to the scheme are being modified by the Director of Town Planning under instructions from the Government of India and on receipt of the revised lay-outs, designs and estimates from him, they will be forwarded to the Government of India for approval and sanction of financial assistance under the subsidized Housing Scheme for Industrial Workers. This is in addition to several schemes for housing employees of private industrial undertakings which have already been recommended by this Government to the Government of India for financial assistance under their Subsidized Housing Scheme."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know, Sir, the number of houses that are proposed to be constructed in the Sembiam area and in the Erukancheri area and to which category of industrial workers these tenements are proposed to be allotted? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The scheme is for the construction of 506 tenements in the Sembiam area and 417 tenements in the Erukancheri area. Though the cost of construction for each tenement is within the amount allowed by the Government of India, the value of the land and the cost of the development of the area have exceeded the limit prescribed by the Government of India. The latter has been requested to relax the rules in this connection. After discussions with the Government of India, revised proposals have been submitted for the construction of 506 tenements in the Sembiam area and 417 tenements in the Erukancheri area for their consideration. These tenements are intended for the use of workers employed in Government industrial undertakings."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" May I know whether the Government will instruct the Madras City Improvement Trust to construct tenements for industrial workers and also make them owners of the tenements occupied by them in the course of ten or twenty years? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" This is a different question from the main one and will be answered separately if notice is given."

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SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" சார், இந்த Industrial Housing Scheme சார்பாக மத்திய அரசாங்கம், சென்னை அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எவ்வளவு தொகை ஒதுக்கியிருக்கிறது ? அதில் நம்முடைய அரசாங்கம் எவ்வளவு தொகையை உபயோகித்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதைச் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

Filling up of vacancies in the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes in Government professional colleges.

* 153 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how the vacant seats in the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes in the various Government professional colleges were filled up; and

(*b*) whether the same was distributed district-war in proportion to the population?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Vacancies in the seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were added on to the general pool for the City of Madras and were filled up by the candidates in the General pool of the City.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know why the Government have failed to allot all the vacant seats in the seats reserved for Scheduled castes in the Professional Colleges to backward class students as they are next to Harijans and also why the vacancies in the seats were not distributed district-war? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No Sir. Twenty-five per cent of the total seats have been reserved for students of the Backward Classes and it is not proposed to increase the percentage further. That is why the vacant seats in the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes have been added on to the general pool for the City of Madras. We have many educational institutions in the City and we thought it fit to allot them to the General pool of the City."

11-30 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, inasmuch as the vacancies allotted to the Scheduled Caste students are going into the general pool and filled up by students in the City of Madras, is it not a subterranean method adopted by the Government to encourage the forward communities in Madras to get seats? Should not the seats allotted to Scheduled Castes and not taken by them be given to the backward class students from the City of Madras instead of giving them to the forward class students? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no knowledge of what the hon. Member says. But these are the principles on which the seats are filled up. And these principles apply not only to the Engineering College which is the only College under my charge. There are other professional colleges, like the Medical Colleges, etc."